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Dear Interested Party:

Recently, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District issued a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA), DOI-BLM-NV-W010-2014-0021-DNA and a "Full Force and Effect" Decision Record (DR) for the Santa Rosa Medusahead and Invasive Annual Control Fuels Project.

This decision authorizes the treatment of up to 3,000 acres annually with the BLM-approved herbicide, Imazapic at a rate of 8 oz/acre for three years. Any re-treatments of the same ground would be included as part of the annual 3,000 acre ceiling. The decision to implement the proposed action immediately relies on authority under BLM regulations under 43 CFR 5003.1. This project meets the determination requirement as an authorized project covered by the Act, as the project reduces fine-fuel loading and reduces the risk of wildfire.

The BLM along with the Paradise Valley Weed Control District (PVWCD), US Department of Agriculture-Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), and Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) are proposing to treat Medusahead rye and other invasive annual grasses on BLM managed public lands in and around the Santa Rosa Range in order to reduce fine fuels and decrease the risk of further infestation. Imazapic is applied as a pre-emergent herbicide to control non-native, invasive annual plant species and is known to have a low toxicity to fish and other aquatic organisms. Annual treatments will include newly discovered infestations of Medusahead rye as well as maintenance treatments occurring within existing populations where historic management with herbicides has already occurred.

The final Santa Rosa Medusahead and Invasive Annual Control Project DNA, location maps, and DR can be viewed online at <http://on.doi.gov/1xdKm4T>. Hardcopies of these documents are available upon request.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Stephanie Mueller, Project Lead at the BLM Winnemucca District Office at 775-623-1530.

Sincerely,

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